



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Public Notice of Proposed Action

**Web Posting Date: 02/27/06**

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes.

The Administrator has received a complete application for renewal and modification of water pollution control discharge permit #NEV91004 from the following applicant:

Pahrump Utilities Company, Incorporated  
3121 South Highway 160, #1  
Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada 89048

The applicant had applied for renewal/modification of the wastewater treatment plant permit for Pahrump Utilities Co., Inc., Artesia at Hafen Ranch, Water Reclamation Facility(WRF). The facility is located at Jane Avenue and Susquehanna Street Section 17, T.21S., R.54E MDB&M in Pahrump, Nevada.

Latitude: 36° 07' 30" N.

Longitude: 115° 55' 46" W.

Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada 89048

The Artesia at Hafen Ranch Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF) treats domestic and small units of commercial wastewaters associated with the Cottonwoods, Artesia, and A.E. Collins developments in Pahrump, Nevada. The facility is an activated sludge package treatment plant that denitrifies and disinfects wastewater prior to disposal into five rapid infiltration basins (RIBs). The facility design capacity approved by NDEP allows an expansion from 0.200 MGD to 0.600 MGD for secondary treated wastewater for the Phase I expansion. The Phase II expansion of the facility, when approved by NDEP, will increase plant capacity to 2.0 MGD for 30-day average flow, and will add filtration to produce tertiary effluent which is planned for reuse for irrigation at approved sites; up to 25 RIBs are also planned for additional disposal. The proposed permit is for a five (5) year period.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes as amended and implementing regulations the Administrator proposes to re-issue the permit to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions. Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code-Water Pollution Control, should submit their

comments or requests, in writing, within thirty (30) days of newspaper publication , by April 5, 2006 either in person or by mail or FAX at 775.687.4684 to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within thirty (30) days will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Icyl C. Mulligan of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9432, or FAX 775.687.4684. The Public Notice and Fact Sheet are available to view or print off of the NDEP web site at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.